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**Town of Vernon**  
**Conservation Commission Meeting**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 12, 2018**  
**7:00pm**  
**Council Chambers, Third Floor**  
**Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon, Richard Clark

Absent Member(s): Jason Seacat

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of minutes of December 18, 2017**

The acceptance of the minutes from December 18, 2017 was deferred to the next meeting.

**B. Communications Received**

- Mr. Robert Dickinson of 19 Birch Rd, South Windsor provided a handout titled "What Is This Thing Called Fracking and Why Do We Care About Its Waste" and discussed the imitative. He provided information and explained that there is an opportunity for a future site presentation from someone out of the Pennsylvania area. Discussion ensued.

James Simon made a motion for Commissioner Ryan Goad to contact the presenters for additional facts and information. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Letter from DEEP dated 10/12/17 notifying of forest management activities for Belding Wildlife Management Area

Town Planner Marina Rodriguez will contact DEEP and invite them to come and present information on this and schedule it for a future meeting, perhaps when Open Space Task Force members are available to attend and perhaps Parks and Recreation or if there is a digital presentation that can be sent and shared.

- A letter dated 1/31/18 from FEMA regarding the Shetucket Watershed
- Connecticut Land Conservation Council sent information regarding the 2018 conference being held 3/17/18.

**C. Letters Sent by Conservation Commission Last Month**

- None

**D. Organizational considerations**

- None

### **3. Open Space Program Update**

Chairman Goad reported that Rob Parlee, Chair of Bolton Lake Conservation Commission, contacted him regarding the logging activity on the Petrin property. The Wetlands Enforcement Officer has reviewed and approved the activity. Chairman Goad asked for the logging report to be sent to all the commissioners.

### **4. New Business**

#### **A. Application Review and Comments**

- None received.

#### **B. Natural Resources**

##### **Bolton Lakes Issues**

- Barbara Kelly of the North Central Conservation District has agreed to take the Bolton Lakes Conservation Alliance under her wing. Chairman Goad will keep the commission updated

##### **Future Activities**

- The Greater Holistic Health Fest is scheduled for April 7 & 8, 2018 at VCMS. Chairman Goad will discuss the commission's participation in the event at the next meeting.
- CT Trails Day is scheduled for the first weekend in June with a planned hike being organized by Rob Parlee of the Bolton Conservation Commission from Valley Falls to Rte44/6 and back and asked if the Commission would like to participate.

James Simon motioned that the Commission endorse and support the Trails Day Activity. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

##### **Earth Day Activity**

- Town Planner Marina Rodriguez spoke with Parks and Recreation staff and there is nothing planned to date, however she has sent an inquiry to the director to confirm that.

##### **Discuss offer from DEEP to Schedule Informational Presentation on Forest Product Harvest at the Belding Wildlife Management Area**

- Discussed under Communications Received above.

### **5. Other Goals**

- Nothing added.

### **6. Adjournment**

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary

